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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing in reference to Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food". My family has concerns about the irradiation of our food. To require no remarkable labeling such as the use of the radura symbol or the term "irradiated" undermines our freedom of choice. When the government requires the nutrition label on a candy bar, the question of why the seriousness of irradiation labeling is being softened by terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" is troubling. One can only imagine a sinister purpose for using alternative terms.

I thank you for your service to this great nation of ours. Also, I will pray that God gives you strength and wisdom during this decision making process.

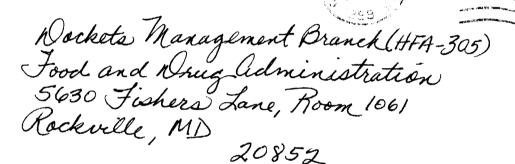
Sincerely,

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